



HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

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Public Disclosure of Child Fatalities

- This bill was requested by the Department of Human Services. It relates to information released by DHS pursuant to a request from the public in fatalities or near fatalities of a child in child abuse cases.
- The bill amends current code to align Iowa’s public disclosure laws related to child fatalities to align with federal law.

Section by Section Analysis

Section 1

Child abuse information concerning the cause of and circumstances surrounding the child fatality, including the age and gender of the child shall be disclosed. Information describing previous child abuse or neglect investigations of the caregivers that are pertinent to the child abuse or neglect shall be disclosed. DHS shall also disclose the services they provided to the child.

Section 2

This is a technical change, renumbering a paragraph.